[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(*b*) Has this rule been modified or cancelled ?

(*c*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons therefor ?

(*d*) Is this ruling applicable to Superintendents alone or is it applicable to higher officers such as Assistant Account Officers in the Account Office and to Assistant Secretaries in the Secretariat ?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to state the particular reasons, if any, for not giving a Superintendent's place to Mr. Lopez who was transferred to the Public Library, and for giving Mr. A. V. Narasimha Aiyar, an undergraduate, the acting post of an Assistant Account Officer, in preference to Mr. Sankaranarayana Aiyar, a graduate and the Senior Divisional Treasury Officer ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) to (*d*) There is no rule that the posts of Superintendents and higher appointments in the Secretariat and in the Account Office should be open to graduates only.

(*e*) Government make such appointments from time to time as in their opinion are in the best interests of the State. They are not prepared to state the reasons for their decisions in individual cases.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any instructions that graduates should be preferred in appointments carrying a salary of above Rs. 40 ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: How many non-graduates were appointed as Superintendents and Assistant Secretaries since 1914 ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The answer calls for collection of statistics. I therefore claim notice.

Purchase of a Bicycle for the Land Revenue Commissioner's Office.

266. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether a new B. S. A. bicycle was purchased at the cost of Government by Mr. K. Anantanarayana Aiyar, the late Land Revenue Commissioner, for his office, debiting the cost thereof, *viz.*, Rs. 298 and odd, to his contingencies ?

(*b*) If so, how long was this cycle used before Mr. Anantanarayana Aiyar handed over charge to Mr. Robinson ?

(*c*) When the cycle was handed over, was it in a workable condition ?

(*d*) Have the Government sustained any loss thereon and, if so, who is responsible for it ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes. The cost was Rs. 294-Chs. 24-C. 9.

(*b*) For about six months.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The matter is under correspondence.

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